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SUBJECT: MOBUTU ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT

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1. SUMMARY: AS REPORTED REFTTEL, PRESIDENT MOBUTU ANNOUNCED LONG-AWAITED GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION YESTERDAY. CHANGES INCLUDE CREATION OF TWO VICE PRESIDENTS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, REPLACEMENT OF NINE MEMBERS OF THAT BODY, ELEVATION OF PLANNING SERVICE TO DEPARTMENTAL STATUS, TRANSFORMATION OF DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS INTO DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION, DISMISSAL OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR BISENGIMANA, AND REDUCTION OF PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELORS FROM EIGHTEEN TO SEVEN. END SUMMARY.

2. NEW MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ARE:

MBUNZE NSOMI LEBWANABI (NATIONAL ORIENTATION), MAMPUYA KANUNK'A-TSHIABO (JUSTICE), KIAKWAMA KIA KIZIKI (PORTFOLIO), NYEMBO SHABANI (NATIONAL ECONOMY), SENZEYI RYAMUKURU (AGRICULTURE),
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KAPONDA MUEME NDAMBU (ENERGY), NSITA MAKANSI (PUBLIC HEALTH), YOKO YAKEMBE (LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY), LOGHO LEW DJUGUNDJINGU (CULTURE AND ARTS).

3. CONTINUING MEMBERS WHO RETAIN FORMER POSITIONS:

NGUZA KARL I BOND (FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION), ENGULU BAANGAMPONGO BAKOKELE LOKANGA (TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION,

FORMERLY POLITICAL AFFAIRS), BOFOSSA W'AMB'EA NKOSO (FINANCE), DUGA KUGBETORO (COMMERCE), MUBULA MOKO NZENGE MOVOAMBE (NATIONAL EDUCATION), LESSEDJINA KIABA LEMA (ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND TOURISM), MBALA MBABU (REAL ESTATE AND LANDS), WABALI BAKITAMBISA (POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS), ELONGA MALI MAZUNGA (SPORTS).

4. MEMBERS WHO HAVE CHANGED POSITIONS:

MULENDA SHAMWANGE MUTEBI (TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS--PREVIOUSLY JUSTICE), TAKIZALA MUSI MBINGINI (MINES--PREVIOUSLY PUBLIC WORKS), MANDUNGU BULA NYUTI (PUBLIC WORKS--PREVIOUSLY NATIONAL ORIENTATION).

5. MEMBERS REMOVED FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

MAMBU (FROM PORTFOLIO), MURAIRI (FROM NATIONAL ECONOMY), MOLONGIA (FROM MINES), KAYINGA ONSI N'DAL (FROM AGRICULTURE), D'ZBO KALOGI (FROM TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS) MUNTU (FROM ENERGY), NGWETE KINKELY (FROM PUBLIC HEALTH), MBEMBA YOWA (FROM CULTURE AND ARTS), BOKONGA EKENGE BOTOMBELE (FROM LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY TO PARIS EMBASSY).

6. MULUMBA LUKOJI NAMED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NEW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING. (PLANNING USED TO BE PART OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY). PRESIDENT MOBUTU HOLDS THE PORTFOLIOS FOR 3 DEPARTMENTS: PLANNING, NATIONAL DEFENSE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS.

7. THERE HAVE BEEN THREE CHANGES IN STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

A) TWO VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE COUNCIL HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED:
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NGUZA KARL I BOND AND ENGULU BAANGAMPONGO BAKOKELE LOKANGA. THEY WILL EACH PRESIDE OVER A COMMISSION CREATED BY THE PRESIDENT.

B) NGUZA WILL CHAIR THE "POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COMMISSION, COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS: FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FIANNES, NATIONAL ORIENTATION (GUIDANCE), JUSTICE, NATIONAL DEFENSE, PLANNING, PORTFOLIO, NATIONAL ECONOMY, COMMERCE, MINES, AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS, LANDS, ENERGY, AND POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

C) ENGULU WILL CHAIR THE "ADMINISTRATIVE, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COMMISSION" COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS: TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND TOURISM, PUBLIC HEALTH, LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY, ARTS AND CULTURE, SPORTS, VETERANS, AND PERMANENT COMMISSION FOR ADMINISTRATION.

IN THEORY THESE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMISSIONS SHALL ENCOURAGE THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENTS TO FACILITATE COORDINATION DURING WEEKLY MEETINGS AND PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT ON THE POLICIES DECIDED UPON.

8. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE, BISENGIMANA RWEMA HAS BEEN DISMISSED AND REPORTEDLY APPOINTED "CHARGE DE MISSION". HE HAS BEEN REPLACED BY NIMY MAYIDIJU NGIMBI, PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT. BOKANA W'ONDANGELA HAS BEEN NAMED TO THE NEW POST OF ASSISTAND DIRECTOR.

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THE NUMBER OF PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELORS HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 18 TO 7; THREE WILL DEAL WITH LEGAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND FOUR WITH ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MATTERS. END UNCLASSIFIED.
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9. COMMENT: OF THE NINE NEW MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, ONLY NYEMBO, MULUMBA AND LOBHO ARE KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY. NYEMBO, WHO HOLDS A DOCTORATE IN ECONOMICS, SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC COORDINATION UNDER TSHOMBE IN 1964-1965, AND PRODUCED A BOOK ON ZAIRE'S COPPER INDUSTRY LAST YEAR, RECENTLY RETURNED TO ZAIRE AFTER TEN YEARS OF EXILE TO ACCEPT A POSITION AT UNAZA. HE IMPRESSED AN EMBOFF WHO MET HIM SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN AS ARTICULATE, MODERATE, SOMEWHAT DISORIENTED (HE HAD DIFFICULTY ADJUSTING TO HIS FRIENDS' AUTHENTIC NAMES), AND WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE US.

10. MULUMBA, A GOOD FRIEND OF THE EMBASSY, RECEIVED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND MOST RECENTLY SIMULTANEOUSLY HELD THE POSITIONS OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF BRITISH AMERICAN

TOBACCO AND VICE DEAN FOR RESEARCH AT UNAZA'S LAW FACULTY.
HE IS AN EXCEPTIONALLY ABLE INDIVIDUAL.
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11. LOBHO, WHO HOLDS A DOCTORATE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM LOUVAIN AND MOST RECENTLY SERVED AS ACADEMIC SECRETARY GENERAL AT UNAZA'S KINSHASA CAMPUS, ASKED A USIS-SPONSORED LECTURER IN JANUARY WHEN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WOULD STOP PROPPING UP THE HOPELESSLY CORRUPT MOBUTU REGIME. WE LOOK FORWARD TO EXPLORING HIS CURRENT ATTITUDES.

12 WE WORRY ABOUT DEPARTURES OF D'ZBO FROM TRANSPORT AND MAMBU FROM PORTFOLIO AND THEIR POSSIBLE EFFECT ON THE SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY BETWEEN PAN AM, THE PETROLEUM COMPANIES, AND THE GOZ. AID, WHICH ENJOYED EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE DEPARTED HEADS OF AGRICULTURE AND PUBLIC HEALTH, WILL NOW HAVE TO BUILD ANEW WITH THEIR SUCCESSORS. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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